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In re application of:

HITOSHI et al.

Application No.: 10/026,021

Filed: December 21, 2001

For: SAK: MODULATION OF
CELLULAR PROLIFERATION FOR
TREATMENT OF CANCER

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.

Examiner: M. Yu

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1642

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed August 17, 2004, Applicants elect Group II, claims 9-38, drawn to a method of identifying a compound that modulates cellular proliferation by determining the functional effects of the compound upon the SAK polypeptide, classified in class 435, subclass 15.

The foregoing election is made with traverse, as the six groups set forth by the Examiner all stem from a common concept and theory, and are thus related. As such, prosecution of the claims of Groups I-VI, in particular Group I, would not place a substantially

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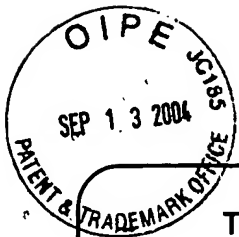
greater burden on the Examiner. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the Restriction Requirement and consider all the claims together.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,


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